

PEACE CONFERENCE WAITS RUSSIAN REPLY

Japanese Envoys Seem Preparing to Leave, Having Ordered Firm to Get Safe They Had Rented.

KANEKO CALLS ON PRESIDENT UNEXPECTEDLY

English Foreign Office Thinks Japan's Terms Moderate and She Should Not Be Deprived of Fruits of Victory.

PRESIDENT NOT ASKED ENGLAND'S INFLUENCE WITH JAPAN

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 21.—The emperor's reply to Mr. Witte's transmission of the proposition of President Roosevelt, had not been received until today and is not expected until tomorrow at the earliest. It is not therefore likely that there will be a final show of hands at tomorrow's session of the plenipotentiaries.

The Japanese today notified the firm from which the rented a common safe in which to keep their papers to take out the safe and render the bill this afternoon.

SPECIAL JAPANESE ENVOY CALLS AGAIN ON PRESIDENT

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 21.—An unexpected phase of the peace negotiations developed today in the arrival here of Baron Kaneko, special representative to this country of the Japanese government, for a conference with President Roosevelt. The meeting was arranged hurriedly.

Baron Kaneko remained with the president three-quarters of an hour, then departed for New York. Kaneko intimated that Japan might regard the president's proposition favorably, but could not say so definitely.

SULU SULTAN OFFERS TO MARRY MISS ALICE

Jolo, Aug. 18, via Manila, Aug. 21.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Secretary Taft and party arrived here at noon and proceeded to the parade grounds to witness an elaborate program arranged for their entertainment. The Sultan of Sulu, with his retinue, occupied seats in the grand stand, along with Secretary Taft and Miss Roosevelt.

NEW YORK SPANISH WAR VETERANS MEET

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Aug. 21.—Several thousand veterans of the Spanish-American war are assembled in this city to attend the annual state encampment and the hotels are crowded with visitors. The encampment was formally opened this morning and the veterans were welcomed to the city by Mayor O. W. Cutler. Only a brief session for the transaction of routine business was held before the veteran adjourned for the day. In the afternoon the veterans visited the falls and in the evening they will take a moonlight ride on the upper Niagara winding up with dancing and refreshments at the Redell house. There will be another business meeting tomorrow morning and in the evening a smoker will be given at the Cataract-International hotel.

On the last day of the encampment the department officers will be elected and it is considered quite certain that Department Commander Capt. Charles A. Simmons, the present incumbent, will be re-elected. The auxiliary meeting of the organization will hold its meeting tomorrow, Mrs. William D. Young will preside.

To Organize American Mothers.
Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 21.—Mrs. Fred Schott, president of the National Congress of Mothers, and Mrs. Edwin C. Grice, corresponding secretary, were given a cordial welcome in Tacoma today by the local club women. The purpose of the visit is to prepare for an active campaign in Washington state in the interest of the protection of children and the elevation of the home.

Empire City Meeting.
New York, Aug. 21.—The fall exhibition and race meeting at the Empire City track today opened under favorable auspices. The outfitting short of the Roadville meeting, combined with the offering of big purses have resulted in the attendance of a number of the famous trotters of the grand circuit.

EVIDENT EFFORT FOR DEATH OF THE QUEEN

Turin, Aug. 21.—Attempt was made to assassinate Queen Margherita, mother of King Victor Emmanuel, who is making a tour of the Alps. The queen mother was ascending Little

THE PEACE COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION



KOMURA, TAKAHIRA.

THIRTEENTH SESSION IRRIGATION CONGRESS

Most Important Movement Known in History of the Country, in all its History Past and Present.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 21.—With delegates present from all of the western and many of the eastern states as well, and representing practically every commercial organization in the great territory, included in the semi-arid and arid regions of the country, the state and municipal governments, the thirteenth session of the national irrigation congress was formally opened here today. Delegates began to arrive yesterday and this morning Governor Pardee, the president, and his colleagues of the executive committee, have been busy with the preliminary arrangements. Seen in and about the corridors of the Lewis and Clark auditorium, where the sessions are being held, were many prominent and influential men of Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Washington, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico and other western states and territories. Among today's arrivals there were also distinguished delegations from Canada and Mexico, representing their respective governments.

The sessions of the present congress will continue until Friday, and during that time much important action is expected to be taken looking toward the reclamation of the vast unsettled territory of the west that has awaited the touch of water to blossom as the rose. Not since the beginning of the movement looking toward government aid in a vast scheme of irrigating the arid west has so much interest been taken in the meetings of the irrigation congress, and during the four days' session irrigation and its kindred subjects, forestry and colonization, will not only be discussed, but practical illustrations of what irrigation is doing for the west will be given. Among the speakers will be United States senators and governors of half a dozen states, government experts in forestry and irrigation, and representatives of many commercial organizations and colonial movements.

The work of the congress has been so enlarged through the greatly increased interest in irrigation, that the executive committee has decided to systematize the work by dividing it into five sections. Each section is to be conducted by a chairman, who is a recognized authority in his special line, which insures a thorough exposition of the respective subjects through the presentation of papers, addresses and discussion by the most eminent men interested in forestry, irrigation, climatology and their correlated subjects.

Delegates continue to pour into the city, every train arriving this morning bringing in hundreds interested in the work of the congress. The program for the day provides for addresses of welcome by Governor Chamberlain of Oregon and President Good of the Lewis and Clark exposition.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 21.—The thirteenth national irrigation congress of the United States opened its session here this morning. The opening session was called to order shortly after 9 o'clock by the president, Governor Pardee, of California, in the auditorium of the exposition.

The conference includes engineers, delegates of commercial bodies and representatives of irrigation, agricultural or horticultural associations, representatives of agricultural and engineering schools and colleges and delegates appointed by the governors of the irrigating states; the governing boards of counties and the mayors of cities of more than 25,000 inhabitants. The opening session this morning was devoted to a conference of the engineers. The chief engineer delivered his annual address and then the customary committees were appointed. A general discussion followed. The afternoon will be reserved to a visit to the fair grounds and especially to the irrigation exhibit, which is of unusual interest. One of the most attractive features of the exhibit is a miniature rice field, showing the results which may be obtained by irrigation. The rice field is in a large, zinc lined box, which contains some rich soil taken from the prairie lands of Texas. Traversing the miniature field are tiny zinc irrigation canals, which distribute water over the field, in the same manner in which the actual irrigation canals in the reclaimed lands distribute the water. The exhibit also includes maps of the irrigation districts of the west and southwest, samples of cereals, fruit, etc., grown on the irrigated lands, and models of irrigation plants, machinery, pumps, etc.

The sessions of the congress will be held in the morning so as to give the delegates an opportunity to study the exposition during the afternoons. Besides the regular sessions, there will be many sectional sessions of the various departments represented. The sections will be presided over as follows: Forestry, Gifford Pinchot, of the bureau of forestry, Washington, D. C.; production by irrigation, Dr. A. C. Trues, director of the experiment station, Washington, D. C.; engineering and mechanics, Frederick H. Newell of the United States reclamation service; climatology, H. E. Williams of the United States weather bureau; rural settlement, Charles W. Borchert, of the Southern Pacific land department. The attendance is larger than ever and the congress promises to be the most important and interesting ever held.

Portland, Aug. 21.—Many yachting enthusiasts journeyed to Marblehead today to witness the start of the ocean race of the Eastern Yacht club to Halifax. The start was made under most auspicious conditions.

The participants in the race total more than a score and include a number of the crack yachts of the New York Yacht club and the most prominent clubs along the New England coast.

Arriving at Halifax the craft will take part in the Royal Nova Scotia squadron race for the Prince of Wales cup, which is set for next Saturday.

Beautiful Sight Enthused All Who Beheld It
Marblehead, Mass., Aug. 21.—The great ocean race to Halifax for yachts of over thirty feet beam, started from Marblehead Rock, near the famous headland, known as "the neck," today. It was a great sight, which the thousands of watchers enjoyed, occupying every point of vantage of the bluffs along the shore.

The starting line was between a

SOME INDIANS PROTEST ON JOINT STATEHOOD

Convention at Muscogee to Form Constitution and Ask Congress For Separate State Organization.

Muscogee, I. T., Aug. 21.—The separate statehood convention, for which arrangements have been making for some time, was called to order here this morning with a large and representative attendance. The convention will adopt resolutions strongly declaring for separate statehood for Indian Territory and will discuss plans for carrying the fight before the next session of congress.

Confined to the Five Civilized Tribes.
The constitutional convention of the five civilized tribes of the Indian Nation, for which a call had been sent out by W. M. Rogers, principal chief

of the Cherokee nation, and Green McCurtain, chief of the Choctaw nation, has all districts well represented. The object of the convention is to adopt a draft of a state constitution, which is to be submitted to congress at the session next winter.

First Week or Ten Days Preliminary.
The separate statehood constitutional convention, with nearly two hundred delegates present will devote the first week or ten days to organizing and appointing committees for various branches of the work and discussing the main points that should enter into the constitution.

BRITISH INDIA SIDES WITH LORD CURZON
Simla, British India, Aug. 21.—Among the public generally, sympathy is being expressed for Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, viceroy of India, who has resigned in consequence of a bitter fight over the new plan of army administration in India. Curzon had

FUNERAL OF THE LATE A. KEMPENICH TODAY

At 9 o'clock this morning occurred the funeral of the late A. Kempenich, the well known Peralta merchant, the particulars of whose death were published in The Citizen of Saturday.

The services took place from the residence of L. Kempenich, brother of the deceased, on West Railroad avenue, and were very largely attended. The Elks lodge of this city, of which Mr. Kempenich was an active member, had charge. R. W. D. Bryan, exalted ruler of the Elks, delivered a touching eulogy on the life of the deceased, which was followed by a prayer by Samuel Neustadt, secretary of Bnai B'rith, a Jewish society, to which Mr. Kempenich belonged.

The bier was covered with beautiful floral offerings and showed the high esteem in which he was held by his host of friends in this city.

Yesterday afternoon before Undertaker A. Borders started for this city with the remains, hundreds of friends of the family viewed the body as it lay in the casket at the family home.

The grief stricken widow did not attend the funeral, as she was prostrated by her husband's sudden death and now lies seriously ill at her home at Peralta.

His three sons and other relatives were present, the wife also a large number of out of town friends.

Burial was made at Fairview cemetery.

Spelter.
St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 21.—Spelter, quiet. \$5.60 @ \$5.92 1/2.

Mrs. Conrad Stum and daughter, returned this morning from a two months' sojourn in California.

YELLOW JACK TURNING TAIL TO FLEE AWAY

New Orleans, La., Aug. 21.—Following the decline of the yellow fever scourge, marking the decline of the yellow fever scourge.

Serious Epidemic Impossible.
Full of hope, the federal and local authorities and the public entered today on the fifth week of the campaign against fever, which is now considered beyond the stage where a serious epidemic is possible.

POLAND ABLAZE WITH RENEWED

Strikes Because Rights of Poles in Scheme of

REPRESENTATION IN THE

National Assembly Was Disregarded—Socialists Killed and Others Captured.

TRAINS STANDING ON TRACKS

Warsaw, Aug. 21.—A general strike has been proclaimed throughout Poland as a protest against the disregard of the rights of the Poles in the scheme for representation in a national assembly.

The strike began here today. The employees of the Vistula railway quit work. Many trains were left standing at intermediate stations.

COSSACKS AS USUAL SHOW POWER OVER PEOPLE
Eighty cossacks, carrying arms, while attempting to enter the city, were opposed by a detachment of Cossacks. Eight socialists were killed and others were arrested. The employees of the factories at Warsaw, Lodz and Pabianice joined the strike.

BANK AT LOUISVILLE CLOSED BY COMPTROLLER

Washington, Aug. 21.—The Western National bank, of Louisville, Ky., was closed this morning by order of the comptroller of the currency.

FAILURE HAD BEEN EXPECTED FOR SOME TIME

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 21.—The failure of the Western National bank, ordered closed by the federal authorities today, had been anticipated. On May 2 the bank showed a reserve of only 14 per cent. The president of the institution, T. L. Jefferson, said that the failure was due simply to over-extensions and a shrinkage of deposits.

Only About a Year Old

The statement issued by the acting comptroller of the currency says: "An examination of the bank by Bank Examiner Garrett showed its capital badly impaired by losses. Steady withdrawals have been made for several days, and the acting comptroller directed the bank to be closed in order to protect the interests of all depositors alike and prevent those having knowledge of condition from securing preference over those without this knowledge."

Thomas M. Thornton has been appointed receiver. The Western National bank was chartered in 1904 to succeed the Western bank of Louisville. W. B. Smith was president and J. T. Jefferson cashier.

Opening of the Storthing

Christiania, Norway, Aug. 21.—The people of Norway are looking forward with great interest to the action which the storthing will take, which was opened today for probably the most important session it ever held. Notwithstanding the general excitement over the dissolution of the union between Norway and Sweden and the throne of King Oscar, so overwhelmingly endorsed by the recent plebiscite, the opening of the storthing was not accompanied by any breach of order. Everything passed off smoothly and in perfect order. An enormous crowd was assembled in front of the parliament building and cheered the deputies as they arrived from the opening of the session.

It is expected that the storthing will repeat the request that the riksdag declare the riksdag inoperative and the union dissolved. The storthing will also express a willingness to negotiate concerning the details of the dissolution. It is the earnest desire of Norway to conclude the dissolution amicably.

LAST YEAR'S COTTON CROP FROM GINNERS

Washington, Aug. 21.—The census bureau has issued a supplemental report on the quantity of cotton ginned from the crop of 1904, showing the total growth for that year as fixed by the ginner to be 13,693,279 bales, counting a round bale as one-half bale, instead of 13,597,752.

The Cotton Situation

New York, Aug. 21.—Miller & Co., in their weekly cotton review, say: "The report that rain has fallen in certain sections of Texas, which had suffered from drought, has stimulated trade by the belief that the cotton prospect in Texas has materially improved. The advice from Tennessee are also more favorable, but it would be advisable to wait more definite reports before accepting the theory that the changes in the weather will cause any material change in the cotton crop. New cotton is beginning to move quite freely and a large increase in receipts is expected before the beginning of next month. So far, this has had no particular weakening effect upon the market."

Montana Labor Federation

Great Falls, Mont., Aug. 21.—Delegates from labor organizations of Roseman, Anaconda, Missoula, Butte and other cities throughout the state were present today at the opening of the annual convention of the Montana State Federation of Labor. The reports of the several officers show the past year to have been one of great activity and gratifying progress for the federation. Several matters of importance will come up for consideration and decision at the present convention, which will be in session through the greater part of the week.